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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert M. Gates

SUBJECT : Request for Interview by Employee

25X1 1. On 15 June, [] an FBIS officer on a one-year rotation to
the Office of Political Analysis in NFAC, wrote to request an interview with
25X1 the DCI in order to explain fully a "serious instance of liberal bias with
implications for national security." [] memorandum is at Tab A.

25X1 2. When John McMahon learned of [] dissatisfaction, including the
25X1 fact that [] had made this accusation of liberal bias to Angelo Codavilla--
a staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence--he asked for an
25X1 IG inspection to determine whether there was any basis in fact for []
charges. The IG report is at Tab B.

25X1 3. When [] memorandum to you requesting an interview arrived, at
the DDCI's suggestion, I asked John McMahon and Chuck Briggs to provide their
comments for you. Their two memos are at Tab C.

25X1 4. [] made a very serious charge and one or the other of you
25X1 probably should see him. If, after reading the attachments and hearing out
[] you conclude that his charges are as unwarranted as both Briggs and
McMahon claim, I believe you should come down on him very hard--but without
specific penalty--for taking his case to the SSCI staff before raising it with
either of you or the Director of NFAC or the IG. I consider this a breach of
our internal discipline. An employee has every right to approach the IG, the
IOB or the SSCI if he believes there has been an abuse by CIA--one of the results
of the past ten years of controversy. However, I believe even the slightest
institutional loyalty would lead a responsible individual at a minimum to go to
the Agency's Inspector General before pursuing these other alternatives.

Robert M. Gates

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